

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



> **THE ICEMAN CALLS IT QUILTS AFTER 12 YEARS IN UFC**
CHUCK LIDDELL (B.S., **Business Administration, 1995**) has retired after a long and successful Ultimate Fighting Championship career that included a nearly two-year reign as light heavyweight champion. The 41-year-old Liddell, nicknamed "The Iceman," will remain involved with UFC as the company's executive vice president for business development. □

> **AG BUSINESS GRAD SUCCESSFULLY GROWING EXOTIC CROP IN CALIFORNIA: COFFEE**
COFFEE HAS PROVEN all but impossible to grow commercially in California. But don't tell Jay Ruskey (B.S., **Agricultural Business, 1997**), who's pulling it off at his ranch in Goleta. While coffee growers and experts from around the world visit his operation to see how he's doing it, Ruskey is selling his locally grown coffee at farmers market in Santa Barbara. □

> **FORMER FOOTBALLER SCORES ON "GLEE"**
JON HALL (B.A., **Music, 2010**) appeared on Fox's hit TV show "Glee," playing a member of a team singing in a show choir competition. Hall, who ran for 1,300 yards and scored 11 touchdowns during his college football career, also sang backup during the national anthem on national television during Major League Baseball's All-Star Game. □

> **ALUM APPOINTED SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE**
BRETT MORGAN (B.S., **Social Sciences, 1985**) has been appointed to the San Joaquin County Superior Court bench by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Morgan has worked as chief of staff for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as well as chief deputy for the Office of the Inspector General, a government agency charged with watchdogging California prisons for waste, fraud and abuse. □

Cal Poly alum and UFC legend Chuck Liddell called it a career inside the octagon

> **SPACESHIP1 DESIGNER RUTAN TO RETIRE IN 2011**
BURT RUTAN (B.S., **Aerospace Engineering, 1965**) founder and chief technical officer of Scaled Composites in Mojave, Calif., plans to retire in April. The EAA plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Rutan's Voyager aircraft around-the-world flight while hosting a "Salute to Burt Rutan" at its AirVenture Oshkosh 2011 event. □

> **TWINS TAKE THE CAL POLY APPROACH**
NICK DAVIS (B.S., **Wine & Viticulture, 2008**) and Brian Davis (Agribusiness and Wine & Viticulture, 2008) built their business, Twin Pomegranates, on Cal Poly's Learn by Doing motto. The company's wine is now in 70 locations across California, and the brothers serve as their own distributors and operate without a traditional tasting room. □

> **GRAD NAMED CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR AMN HEALTHCARE SERVICES**
BRIAN M. SCOTT (B.S., **Business Administration, 1993**) has been named chief financial officer for AMN Healthcare Services. Scott joined AMN in 2003 and has been senior vice president of operations finance and business development. □